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In re application of:) Art Unit: 2819
HERRIOT) Examiner: Jean BRUNER) JEANGLAUDE /0/A
Serial No. 09/822,208)
Filed: April 2, 2001) Attorney Docket:) 9392-014-999
For: AUTOMATIC EVOLUTION OF MIXED ANALOG AND DIGITAL ELECTRONIC CIRCUITS) 9392-014-999) 3-22 (
) April 24, 2002 .

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The enclosed Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated January 3, 2002 for the above-identified patent application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 13 without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute this claim in a continuation application.

REMARKS

The examiner has indicated that claims 1-12 are allowable, and these are the only claims that are now pending. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are allowable and requests an early notice of allowance so that the application may proceed to issue.